THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. Efforts have been made by Delhi Police to arrest the accused. Sea~ch for them was made at various places in Delhi. Police parties were also sent to their native places in Aligarh and Mathura Districts.

Agricultural credit given by banks

1653. DR. YELAMANCHILT SIVAJI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the annual agricultural credit given by all the public sector rentage of their total advances in the decade ending March, 1988;

(b) whether Government propose to increase such percentage from the current vear onwards as a special case to help farmers to cope up with their drought related problems;

(c) what is the annual public sector "bank lending to agricultural secto$_r$ as a percentage of the value of gross annual agricultura[1] production;

(d) what is the estimated quantum of loans ava^ed annually by the farmers from private money lenders;

(e) what steps are being taken by Government t$_0$ eliminate such lending; and

Cf) ho$_w$ much of th$_e$ agricultural credit extended bv the public sector banks is in the form of crop loans and what is the amount released as gO'M loan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO' FA-LEIRO); (a) The percentage of Agri culture Credit in the 'total outstanding •advances of public sector banks from „ year ending December 1979 to December 1987 is set out below:

December 1979	12.5
December 1980	18.1
December 1981	17.0
December 1982	16.2
December 1983	16.8
December 1984	17.4
December 1985	18.2
December 1986	18.1
December 1987	19.1

(b) The RBI had advised all scheduled commercial banks to improve the share of Direct Agriculture Advances in total bank credit to 15%i by the^ end of March 1985 and to 16% by the end of March 1987. The banks have been further advised to increase the share of Direct Agriculture Advances in total bank credit to 17% by the end of March 1989.

(c) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House to th$_e$ extent possible.

(f) Th$_e$ present reporting system does not yie'd information pertaining to gold loans as a part of crop loan separate^. However, the data for short term agricultural loans (including crop loans) outstanding in respect of all scheduled commercial banks for 3 year perfod ended June 1986 are give$_n$ below:

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Year ended June	No. of A/cs.	Balance Outstand-ing
1984	5962699	163758
1985	.6317454	196419
1986	7229092	235544